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PRODUCTION OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States where there is production and cultivation of Rice and Pulses in large quantities;

(b) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the annual requirements of Wheat, Rice and Pulses, Chana, Arhar, Moong, Urad and Massoor;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise;

(d) whether the Government encourages the States to increase the production of pulses by bringing additional area under pulses, utilization of rice fallows and intercropping of pulses with other crops;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the amount spent on the National Pulses Mission during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The details of States where rice production is more than one million tonnes and pulses production is more than 5 lakh tonnes during 2006-07 are given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c): Based on Behaviourstic Approach, the demand of Wheat, Rice and Pulses during the first year (2007-08) and the terminal year (2011-12) of the 11th Five Year Plan are given in the table below:

(Million Tonnes)

Year	Wheat	Rice	Pulses
2007-08	71.19	90.91	16.77
2011-12	77.36	98.79	19.91

State-wise and pulse-wise details of demand are not available.

(d) to (f): Government has launched the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) from Rabi 2007-08 which,inter-alia,aims to increase the production of pulses by 2 million tonnes by the end of the 11th Five Year Plan by bringing additional area under pulses, utilization of rice fallows and inter-cropping of pulses with other crops in 170 identified districts in 14 States of the country with the total Plan Outlay of Rs. 1239.88 crore. An amount of Rs.103.65 crore has been released under NFSM-Pulses during 2007-08 against the allocation of Rs.104.63 crore.In addition to this an amount of Rs.106 lakh to the Indian Institute of Pulses Research, Kanpur and Rs.88 lakh to ICRISAT has been released for improvement of pulses production in the country during 2007-08.